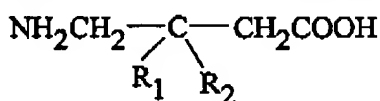


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Please replace all prior claims in the application with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) A stabilized solid composition comprising containing a 4-amino-3-substituted-butanoic acid derivative and a stabilizer, the stabilizer being a humectant and effective against degradation of the 4-amino-3-substituted-butanoic acid derivative due to lactam formation, the which comprises a 4-amino-3-substituted-butanoic acid derivative having the general formula



wherein,

R₁ is a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a methyl group or an ethyl group;

R₂ is a monovalent group selected from:

a straight or branched alkyl group of 3 - 8 carbon atoms;

a straight or branched alkylene group of 3 - 8 carbon atoms;

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a straight or branched alkyl group of 3 - 8 carbon atoms which is mono- or di-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a cycloalkyl group of 3 - 8 carbon atoms;

a cycloalkyl group of 3 - 8 carbon atoms which is mono-, di- or tri-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkyl group of 4 - 8 carbon atoms;

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a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkyl group of 4 - 8 carbon atoms wherein said phenyl ring is mono-, di- or tri-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkenyl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedieryl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms;

a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkenyl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedieryl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms wherein said phenyl ring is mono-, di- or tri-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

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an alkylcycloalkyl group wherein said cycloalkyl has 3 - 8 carbon atoms and is linked to an alkylene group having 1 - 4 carbon atoms optionally interrupted with -O-, -S- or -SS-;

an alkylcycloalkyl group wherein said cycloalkyl has 3 - 8 carbon atoms, is linked to an alkylene group having 1 - 4 carbon atoms optionally interrupted with -O-, -S- or -SS- and is mono-, di- or tri-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a cycloalkyl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) is replaced by -O-, -NH-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-;

a cycloalkyl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) is replaced by -O-, -NH-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-, and one or two of the unsubstituted methylene groups (-CH₂-) are mono- or di-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an

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alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a cycloalkenyl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedieryl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms, one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkenyl ring or cycloalkanedieryl ring being replaced by -O-, -NH-, =N-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-;

a cycloalkenyl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedieryl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms, one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkenyl ring or cycloalkanedieryl ring being replaced by -O-, -NH-, =N-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-, and one or two of the unsubstituted methylene groups (-CH₂-) being mono- or di-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

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a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkyl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) is replaced by -O-, -NH-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-;

a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkyl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) is replaced by -O-, -NH-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-, said phenyl group being mono- or di-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkenyl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedieryl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms, one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkenyl ring or cycloalkanedieryl ring being replaced by -O-, -NH-, =N-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-;

a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkenyl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedieryl group of

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5 - 8 carbon atoms, one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkenyl ring or cycloalkanedieryl ring being replaced by -O-, -NH-, =N-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-, said phenyl ring being mono- or di-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

an alkylcycloalkyl group wherein said cycloalkyl has 5 - 8 carbon atoms and is linked to an alkylene group having 1 - 4 carbon atoms optionally interrupted with -O-, -S- or -SS-, one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkyl ring being replaced by -O-, -NH-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-;

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an alkylcycloalkyl group wherein said cycloalkyl has 5 - 8 carbon atoms and is linked to an alkylene group having 1 - 4 carbon atoms optionally interrupted with -O-, -S- or -SS-, and one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkyl ring being replaced by -O-, -NH-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂- and one or two of the unsubstituted methylene groups (-CH₂-) being mono-, di- or tri-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a phenyl or naphthyl group;

a phenyl group substituted with a methylenedioxy group;

a phenyl or naphthyl group which is mono-, di- or tri-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an amino group, a nitro group, a carboxyl group, a phenoxy group, a phenylmethoxy group, a phenylmethoxy group wherein said phenyl ring is mono-substituted with a halogen atom, trifluoromethyl group, an alkoxy group, an amino group, a nitro group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group, a cycloalkylmethoxy group having 5 - 8 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl ring, a cycloalkenylmethoxy group having 5 - 8 carbon atoms in the cycloalkenyl ring, a

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cycloalkanediethylmethoxy group having 5 - 8 carbon atoms in the cycloalkanediethyl ring, a cycloalkylmethoxy group wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkyl ring having 5 - 8 carbon atoms is replaced by -O-, -NH-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-, a cycloalkenylmethoxy group wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkenyl ring having 5 - 8 carbon atoms is replaced by -O-, -NH-, =N-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-, a cycloalkanediethyl-methoxy group wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkanediethyl ring having 5 - 8 carbon atoms is replaced by -O-, -NH-, =N-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-group, a cycloalkylmethoxy group having 5 - 8 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl ring wherein said cycloalkyl ring is mono-substituted with a halogen atom, trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxy group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an amino group, a nitro group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group and one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkyl ring is replaced by -O-, -NH-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-, a cycloalkenylmethoxy group having 5 - 8 carbon atoms in the cycloalkenyl ring wherein said cycloalkenyl ring is mono-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxy group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group and one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkenyl ring is replaced by -O-, -NH-, =N-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-, or a cycloalkanediethylmethoxy group having 5 - 8 carbon atoms in the cycloalkanediethyl ring wherein said cycloalkanediethyl ring is mono-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group and one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkanediethyl ring is replaced by -O-, -NH-, =N-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-;

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an alkylphenyl group wherein said phenyl group is linked to an alkylene group having 1 - 4 carbon atoms optionally interrupted with -O-, -S- or -SS-;

an alkyl-O-, -S- or -SS-phenyl group wherein said phenyl group is linked to an alkylene group having 1 - 4 carbon atoms via -O-, -S- or -SS-;

an -O-, -S- or -SS-phenyl group;

a diphenylamino group;

an alkylphenyl group wherein said phenyl group is linked to an alkylene group having 1 - 4 carbon atoms optionally interrupted with -O-, -S- or -SS- and mono-, di- or tri-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an amino group, a nitro group or a carboxyl group;

an alkyl-O-, -S- or -SS-phenyl group wherein said phenyl group is linked to an alkylene group having 1 - 4 carbon atoms via -O-, -S- or -SS- and mono-, di- or tri-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an amino group, a nitro group or a carboxyl group;

an -O-, -S- or -SS-phenyl group wherein said phenyl group is mono-, di- or tri-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an amino group, a nitro group or a carboxyl group;

or

R₁ and R₂, together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, may form a divalent group selected from:

a cycloalkylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms;

a cycloalkylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms which is mono-, di-, tri- or tetra-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, a cycloalkyl group, a phenyl group, an amino group, a nitro group or a carboxyl group;

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a cycloalkylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkyl ring is replaced by -O-, -NH-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-;

a cycloalkylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkyl ring is replaced by -O-, -NH-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂- group and one or more of the unsubstituted methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkyl ring are mono-, di-, tri- or tetra-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a cycloalkenylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedierylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms;

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a cycloalkenylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedierylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms which is mono-, di-, tri- or tetra-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, a cycloalkyl group, a phenyl group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a cycloalkenylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedierylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkenyl ring or cycloalkanedieryl ring is replaced by -O-, -NH-, =N-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-;

a cycloalkenylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedierylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkenyl ring or cycloalkanedieryl ring is replaced by -O-, -NH-, =N-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂- group and one or more of the unsubstituted methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkenyl ring or cycloalkanedieryl ring are mono-, di-, tri- or tetra-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a

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hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkylidene group of 4 - 8 carbon atoms;

a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkylidene group of 4 - 8 carbon atoms, said phenyl ring being mono-, di-, tri- or tetra-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkenylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedienylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms;

a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkenylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedienylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms, said phenyl ring being mono- or di-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group; and

~~a humectant for manufacturing a pharmaceutical preparation.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~stabilized solid composition containing a 4-amino-3-substituted-butanoic acid derivative as claimed in~~ of claim 1 wherein said humectant comprises one or more of the compounds selected from ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, sorbitol, and glycerol and ~~as a lower~~ a lower aliphatic acid ester thereof of glycerol.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~stabilized solid composition containing a 4-amino-3-substituted-butanoic acid derivative as claimed in~~ of claim 1 wherein said humectant is ethylene glycol.

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4. (Currently Amended) The ~~stabilized solid composition containing a 4-amino-3-substituted butanoic acid derivative as claimed in~~ of claim 1 wherein said humectant is propylene glycol.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~stabilized solid composition containing a 4-amino-3-substituted butanoic acid derivative as claimed in~~ of claim 1 wherein said humectant is butylene glycol.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~stabilized solid composition containing a 4-amino-3-substituted butanoic acid derivative as claimed in~~ of claim 1 wherein said humectant is glycerol or an a lower aliphatic acid ester thereof of glycerol.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~stabilized solid composition containing a 4-amino-3-substituted butanoic acid derivative as claimed in~~ of claim 1 wherein said humectant is sorbitol.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~stabilized solid composition containing a 4-amino-3-substituted butanoic acid derivative as claimed in~~ of claim 1 wherein a total amount of said humectant is 0.01 - 25% by weight relative to the 4-amino-3-substituted-butanoic acid derivative.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~stabilized solid composition containing a 4-amino-3-substituted butanoic acid derivative as claimed in~~ of claim ~~18~~ 20 wherein a total amount of said humectant is 0.01 - 25% by weight relative to a total amount of the 4-amino-3-substituted-butanoic acid derivative and an the auxiliary agent for manufacturing a pharmaceutical preparation.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~stabilized solid composition containing a 4-amino-3-substituted butanoic acid derivative as claimed in~~ any of claims 1 to 9 wherein it is a solid pharmaceutical preparation of the 4-amino-3-substituted-butanoic acid

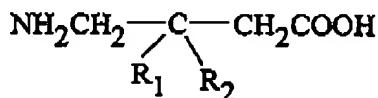
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derivative is gabapentin, pregabalin, baclofen, 3-aminomethyl-4-cyclohexyl-butanoic acid, 3-aminomethyl-5-cyclohexyl pentanoic acid, 3-aminomethyl-4-phenyl-butanoic acid or 3-aminomethyl-5-phenyl-pentanoic acid and the solid composition is a pharmaceutical preparation.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~stabilized solid composition containing a 4-amino-3-substituted-butanoic acid derivative as claimed in~~ claim 10 wherein it is a ~~solid~~ the pharmaceutical preparation in the ~~is a~~ dosage form of tablets, powders, granules or capsules.

12. (Currently Amended) A process for ~~the preparation of~~ preparing a solid composition containing a 4-amino-3-substituted-butanoic acid derivative having the general formula



wherein,

R₁ is a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a methyl group or an ethyl group;

R₂ is a monovalent group selected from:

a straight or branched alkyl group of 3 - 8 carbon atoms;

a straight or branched alkylene group of 3-8 carbon atoms;

a straight or branched alkyl group of 3 - 8 carbon atoms which is mono- or di-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a cycloalkyl group of 3 - 8 carbon atoms;

a cycloalkyl group of 3 - 8 carbon atoms which is mono-, di- or tri-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an

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alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkyl group of 4 - 8 carbon atoms;

a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkyl group of 4 - 8 carbon atoms wherein said phenyl ring is mono-, di- or tri-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkenyl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedieryl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms;

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a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkenyl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedieryl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms wherein said phenyl ring is mono-, di- or tri-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

an alkylcycloalkyl group wherein said cycloalkyl has 3 - 8 carbon atoms and is linked to an alkylene group having 1 - 4 carbon atoms optionally interrupted with -O-, -S- or -SS-;

an alkylcycloalkyl group wherein said cycloalkyl has 3 - 8 carbon atoms, is linked to an alkylene group having 1 - 4 carbon atoms optionally interrupted with -O-, -S- or -SS- and is mono-, di- or tri-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a cycloalkyl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) is replaced by -O-, -NH-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-;

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a cycloalkyl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) is replaced by -O-, -NH-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-, and one or two of the unsubstituted methylene groups (-CH₂-) are mono- or di-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a cycloalkenyl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedieryl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms, one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkenyl ring or cycloalkanedieryl ring being replaced by -O-, -NH-, =N-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-;

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a cycloalkenyl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedieryl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms, one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkenyl ring or cycloalkanedieryl ring being replaced by -O-, -NH-, =N-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-, and one or two of the unsubstituted methylene groups (-CH₂-) being mono- or di-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkyl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) is replaced by -O-, -NH-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-;

a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkyl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) is replaced by -O-, -NH-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-, said phenyl group being mono- or di-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkenyl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedieryl group of

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5 - 8 carbon atoms, one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkenyl ring or cycloalkanedieryl ring being replaced by -O-, -NH-, =N-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-;

a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkenyl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedieryl group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms, one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkenyl ring or cycloalkanedieryl ring being replaced by -O-, -NH-, =N-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-, said phenyl ring being mono- or di-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

an alkylcycloalkyl group wherein said cycloalkyl has 5 - 8 carbon atoms and is linked to an alkylene group having 1 - 4 carbon atoms optionally interrupted with -O-, -S- or -SS-, one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkyl ring being replaced by -O-, -NH-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-;

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an alkylcycloalkyl group wherein said cycloalkyl has 5 - 8 carbon atoms and is linked to an alkylene group having 1 - 4 carbon atoms optionally interrupted with -O-, -S- or -SS-, and one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkyl ring being replaced by -O-, -NH-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂- and one or two of the unsubstituted methylene groups (-CH₂-) being mono-, di- or tri-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a phenyl or naphthyl group;

a phenyl group substituted with a methylenedioxy group;

a phenyl or naphthyl group which is mono-, di- or tri-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an amino group, a nitro group, a carboxyl group, a phenoxy group, a phenylmethoxy group, a phenylmethoxy group wherein said phenyl ring is

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mono-substituted with a halogen atom, trifluoromethyl group, an alkoxy group, an amino group, a nitro group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group, a cycloalkylmethoxy group having 5 - 8 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl ring, a cycloalkenylmethoxy group having 5 - 8 carbon atoms in the cycloalkenyl ring, a cycloalkanediethylmethoxy group having 5 - 8 carbon atoms in the cycloalkanediethyl ring, a cycloalkylmethoxy group wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkyl ring having 5 - 8 carbon atoms is replaced by -O-, -NH-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-, a cycloalkenylmethoxy group wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkenyl ring having 5 - 8 carbon atoms is replaced by -O-, -NH-, =N-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-, a cycloalkanediethyl-methoxy group wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkanediethyl ring having 5 - 8 carbon atoms is replaced by -O-, -NH-, =N-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-group, a cycloalkylmethoxy group having 5 - 8 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl ring wherein said cycloalkyl ring is mono-substituted with a halogen atom, trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxy group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an amino group, a nitro group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group and one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkyl ring is replaced by -O-, -NH-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-, a cycloalkenylmethoxy group having 5 - 8 carbon atoms in the cycloalkenyl ring wherein said cycloalkenyl ring is mono-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxy group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group and one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkenyl ring is replaced by -O-, -NH-, =N-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-, or a cycloalkanediethylmethoxy group having 5 - 8 carbon atoms in the cycloalkanediethyl ring wherein said cycloalkanediethyl ring is mono-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a

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carboalkoxy group and one of the methylene groups ($-\text{CH}_2-$) in said cycloalkanediényl ring is replaced by $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{NH}-$, $=\text{N}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{SO}-$ or $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$;

an alkylphenyl group wherein said phenyl group is linked to an alkylene group having 1 - 4 carbon atoms optionally interrupted with $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$ or $-\text{SS}-$;

an alkyl- $\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$ or $-\text{SS}-$ phenyl group wherein said phenyl group is linked to an alkylene group having 1 - 4 carbon atoms via $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$ or $-\text{SS}-$;

an $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$ or $-\text{SS}-$ phenyl group;

a diphenylamino group;

an alkylphenyl group wherein said phenyl group is linked to an alkylene group having 1 - 4 carbon atoms optionally interrupted with $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$ or $-\text{SS}-$ and mono-, di- or tri-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an amino group, a nitro group or a carboxyl group;

an alkyl- $\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$ or $-\text{SS}-$ phenyl group wherein said phenyl group is linked to an alkylene group having 1 - 4 carbon atoms via $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$ or $-\text{SS}-$ and mono-, di- or tri-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an amino group, a nitro group or a carboxyl group;

an $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$ or $-\text{SS}-$ phenyl group wherein said phenyl group is mono-, di- or tri-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an amino group, a nitro group or a carboxyl group;

or

R_1 and R_2 , together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, may form a divalent group selected from:

a cycloalkylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms;

a cycloalkylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms which is mono-, di-, tri- or tetra-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl

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group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, a cycloalkyl group, a phenyl group, an amino group, a nitro group or a carboxyl group;

a cycloalkylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkyl ring is replaced by -O-, -NH-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-;

a cycloalkylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkyl ring is replaced by -O-, -NH-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂- group and one or more of the unsubstituted methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkyl ring are mono-, di-, tri- or tetra-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a cycloalkenylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedierylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms;

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a cycloalkenylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedierylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms which is mono-, di-, tri- or tetra-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, a cycloalkyl group, a phenyl group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a cycloalkenylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedierylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkenyl ring or cycloalkanedieryl ring is replaced by -O-, -NH-, =N-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂-;

a cycloalkenylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedierylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms wherein one of the methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkenyl ring or cycloalkanedieryl ring is replaced by -O-, -NH-, =N-, -S-, -SO- or -S(O)₂- group and one or more of the unsubstituted

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methylene groups (-CH₂-) in said cycloalkenyl ring or cycloalkanedienyl ring are mono-, di-, tri- or tetra-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, an oxo group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkylidene group of 4 - 8 carbon atoms;

a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkylidene group of 4 - 8 carbon atoms, said phenyl ring being mono-, di-, tri- or tetra-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkenylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedienylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms;

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a condensed ring group formed by ortho-fusion of a phenyl ring with a cycloalkenylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms or a cycloalkanedienylidene group of 5 - 8 carbon atoms, said phenyl ring being mono- or di-substituted with a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an amino group, a nitro group, a carboxyl group or a carboalkoxy group;

wherein said process comprises comprising combining the 4-amino-3-substituted-butanoic acid derivative with a stabilizer, the stabilizer being a humectant for manufacturing a pharmaceutical preparation and effective against degradation of the 4-amino-3-substituted-butanoic acid derivative due to lactam formation.

13. (Currently Amended) The process ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 12 wherein said humectant comprises one or more of the compounds selected from ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, sorbitol, and glycerol and ~~an a lower~~ a lower aliphatic acid ester thereof of glycerol.

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14. (Currently Amended) The process ~~as claimed in any of~~ claims 12 to 13 wherein said solid composition is a solid pharmaceutical preparation of gabapentin, pregabalin, baclofen, 3-aminomethyl-4-cyclohexyl-butanoic acid, 3-aminomethyl-5-cyclohexyl pentanoic acid, 3-aminomethyl-4-phenyl-butanoic acid or 3-aminomethyl-5-phenyl-pentanoic acid.

15. (Currently Amended) The process ~~as claimed in of~~ claim 14 wherein a solid the pharmaceutical preparation containing a ~~4-amino-3-substituted-butanoic acid derivative is a pharmaceutical preparation in the~~ is a dosage form of tablets, powders, granules or capsules.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~A-stabilized~~ The solid composition containing a ~~4-amino-3-substituted-butanoic acid derivative as claimed in of~~ claim 1 wherein it is ~~further combined with~~ further comprising a neutral amino acid.

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~stabilized~~ solid composition containing a ~~4-amino-3-substituted-butanoic acid derivative as claimed in of~~ claim 16 wherein said neutral amino acid is one or more of the neutral amino acids selected from L-leucine, L-isoleucine, L-valine, L-alanine, D-leucine, D-isoleucine, D-valine, D-alanine, DL-leucine, DL-isoleucine, DL-valine, DL-alanine and glycine.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) ~~A-stabilized~~ The solid composition ~~according to of~~ Claim 1, wherein the ~~4-amino-3-substituted-butanoic acid derivative is further combined with~~ comprising an auxiliary agent.

21. (Currently Amended) The process ~~as claimed in of~~ Claim 12, further comprising adding an auxiliary auxiliary agent to the solid composition ~~containing the 3-substituted-butanoic acid derivative~~.

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22. (New) A solid composition comprising gabapentin and a stabilizer, the stabilizer being a humectant and effective against degradation of gabapentin due to lactam formation.

23. (New) The solid composition of claim 22, wherein said stabilizer is one or more of ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, sorbitol, glycerol, or a lower aliphatic acid ester of glycerol.

24. (New) The solid composition of claim 22, wherein said stabilizer is propylene glycol.

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25. (New) A process for preparing a solid composition comprising combining gabapentin with a stabilizer, the stabilizer being a humectant and effective against degradation of gabapentin due to lactam formation.

26. (New) The process of claim 25, further comprising combining gabapentin with one or more of ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, sorbitol, glycerol, or a lower aliphatic acid ester of glycerol.

27. (New) The process of claim 25, further comprising combining gabapentin with propylene glycol.

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